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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN RECOGNITION OF ABKHAZIA
AND SOUTH OSSETIA DEMARCHE REPLY

Classified by: Pol/Econ Section Chief Daria Fane
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

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(C) Reftel talking points were delivered to Anatol Urecheanu, Head of the Department of Multilateral Cooperation, at the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration on April 3, 2009. Urecheanu stated that the Government of Moldova was very close to the U.S.' position regarding Russian recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. The Government of Moldova does not and will not recognize South Ossetia or Abkhazia as independent states. Urecheanu remarked that the Russians had approached the MFA regarding this matter and that the MFA had responded and would continue to respond with the same message that they are relaying to others such as the U.S. Urecheanu finished by stating that he would inform his minister of the demarche.

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